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**From:** Bartlett, Heather (ECY) [heba461@ECY.WA.GOV]  
**Sent:** 1/30/2019 12:36:04 AM  
**To:** Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Extension Request

Thanks Dan!

Heather Bartlett  
Washington Department of Ecology  
Water Quality Program Manager  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2019, at 3:40 PM, Opalski, Dan <[Opalski.Dan@epa.gov](mailto:Opalski.Dan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Maia,

Chris asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

EPA hereby grants your request for additional time through February 28, 2019.

We appreciate your continued thoughtful approach on this matter.

Dan Opalski  
Director, Office of Water and Watersheds

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**From:** Hladick, Christopher  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 26, 2019 7:54 AM  
**To:** Opalski, Dan <[Opalski.Dan@epa.gov](mailto:Opalski.Dan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Extension Request

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bellon, Maia (ECY)" <[maib461@ECY.WA.GOV](mailto:maib461@ECY.WA.GOV)>  
**Date:** January 25, 2019 at 1:32:47 PM PST  
**To:** "[hladick.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:hladick.christopher@epa.gov)" <[hladick.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:hladick.christopher@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Extension Request

Chris,

The Department of Ecology appreciates EPA's cooperation on December 18, 2018, in extending our review period to February 1, 2019 for consideration of 401 certification for the nine draft individual permits for federal hydroelectric generating facilities on the Columbia and Lower Snake Rivers. After further review, we will initiate the required public notice and comment period of our draft 401 certifications the week of January 28, 2019 for the facilities and the associated draft NPDES permits EPA has developed and submitted to us.

This means that we will finalize the 401 certifications for the nine facilities following our formal public review period and therefore require time beyond February 1, 2019, to complete our state process. Ecology is not waiving our right to certify, but will need additional time to ensure the state's requirements for public review and comment process are met.

Please confirm EPA's agreement to allow additional time for Ecology to meet state processes and extend our deadline to February 28, 2019.

Thank you,

Maia Bellon, Director  
Washington State Department of Ecology